

I am horrified that you are going to allow Sinclair Broadcasting to air what is obviously a one-sided political infomercial. No matter how they label it, you know as well as we do that this is NOT a news broadcast. You are being watched.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. The laws against corporate ownership of multiple stations in multiple markets was created to prevent just such an abuse as we see here. Please stop this madness.

Sincerely,
Alan Miller